

10 Commandments Cards

Why Does God Give Us Instructions?

The Bible gives us 10 rules that God first gave to the Israelites that we still follow today (Exodus 20:1-17). These **instructions are called the 10 Commandments.**

And, why did God give us these instructions? Because He loves us!

Here are the 10 Commandments, in kid-friendly terms:

1. Put God **FIRST** in your life
2. Don't make idols (*anything you put above God*)
3. Don't misuse God's name
4. Keep God's day holy (*holy means set apart*)
5. Honor your mom and dad
6. Love your husband and wife
7. Don't kill
8. Don't steal
9. Don't lie
10. Don't want what isn't yours

You can point out to your kids that these rules have one theme in common – **they instruct us how to love!**

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As you read down through the 10 Commandments with your kids, you'll notice that God put them in a very specific order! The first four fall into the “love God” category, while the remaining 6 fall into the “love others” category.

We've made it easy for you to teach this to your kids.

Cut out each commandment card (*on the last page of this resource*) and have your kids divide them into the two categories.

As they separate them into the categories, discuss why each one is important and give different examples. Have fun!

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LOVE GOD	LOVE OTHERS
Put God first in your life	Honor your mom and dad
Don't make idols	Love your husband or wife
Don't misuse God's name	Don't kill
Keep God's day holy	Don't steal
	Don't lie
	Don't want what isn't yours